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PANCHAYATI RAJ
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Biodiversity Monitoring Committee
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether all gram panchayats in the country have constituted Biodiversity Monitoring Committee (BMC), if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the People"s Biodiversity Register (PBR) was prepared by all the Panchayats, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the functioning of the BMCs are successful with commendable outcomes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(a) So far, 41,180 Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) have been formed in 26 States across the country. The State-wise details of BMCs are appended as Annexe- A.

(b) So far, 2889 Peoples' Biodiversity Registers (PBRs) have been documented in 17 States across the country. The State-wise detail of PBRs prepared is annexed as Annexe- B.

(c) & (d) As provided for in the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, and Rules 2004, the functions of the BMCs include promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of biological diversity and preparation of PBRs. The National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) set up for implementation of the Biological Diversity Act has issued Guidelines for operationalisation of BMCs in 2013.
Two BMCs, one from Uttarakhand (Dudhai BMC) and one from Arunachal Pradesh (Niitii hong BMC) have been awarded India Biodiversity Awards on the International Day for Biological Diversity on May 22, 2016, for their role in conservation and sustainable use of biological resources.
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